

## Summer Night Festival at Silver Gan Israel



Silver Gan Israel and the community came together for a Summer Night Festival on July 22, on the Silver Gan Israel/Hebrew Academy campus.

"Camp families feel that Silver Gan Israel imbues their children with a love for Judaism coupled with a nurturing atmosphere," said Rabbi Sender Engel, the camp director. "With so many options,

(transportation, hot lunches, extended care, various day options, and more), the SGI experience becomes one that will fit into any family's lifestyle and schedule." The ACA accredited camp program runs through August 27.

Parents enjoyed kosher food and schmoozing while an exciting circus act kept the children entertained. Moon bounces, raffles, games and rides were also on the agenda. Our ever popular game room, CyberWorld, rec room, arts and crafts and sports tournaments were enjoyed by all.

To learn more about the camp and this community event, please visit [www.SilverGanIsrael.com](http://www.SilverGanIsrael.com) or call 562-596-1681.

## Silver Gan Israel Registers New Families

Silver Gan Israel of Huntington Beach is in session with a record amount of new families. How did they do it?

"Camp Silver Gan Israel is known to give all who attend a great Jewish camping experience. Somehow word has spread far and wide," said Rabbi Sender Engel, the camp director. "Last summer, SGI hosted 122 new Jewish families who undoubtedly forged lasting friendships, explored

new interests, and came home everyday singing a spirited camp tune." SGI is the largest Jewish day camp with almost 800 campers every summer.

Built on more than three decades of experience, Silver Gan Israel is fully accredited by the American Camping Association. To learn more about the camp contact Rabbi Sender Engel at EXT. 221 or [sender@campsgi.com](mailto:sender@campsgi.com).

### HEBREW ACADEMY ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

The Hebrew Academy is now accepting enrollment from preschool through grade twelve. Visit our website [www.hebrewacademyhb.com](http://www.hebrewacademyhb.com) or call Alex Greenberg for a private tour.

## Kindergarteners Promoted to First Grade

Milestones set the tone for future achievement and promotion from kindergarten to first grade is the first major academic achievement most remember fondly. On June 9, the Hebrew Academy Kindergarten Class of 2010 celebrated this accomplishment with a traditional ceremony along with learning experiences disguised as good old-fashioned fun. The kinder-kids sang songs in English and Hebrew, they recited poems about the alphabets and received kindergarten graduation certificates.

Developing social skills is an important part of the kindergarten repertoire. This year, Hebrew Academy introduced a water spigot and rain gutters to the sandbox. This new element allows stu-



dents to develop additional creativity to their play. They love using the water to make rivers, lakes and oceans. The sandbox is a time for children to practice social, emotional, communication, gross motor, and fine motor skills. It also gives a chance for children to recognize cause and effect (logical thinking) and the use of measurement (math skills).

The kindergarteners also develop color and spatial awareness through "Mirror Painting." They start with a half picture and must paint



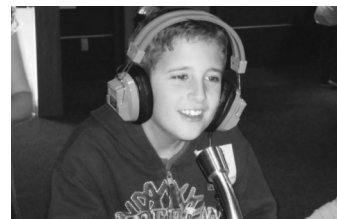
the other half to mirror the first. The children learn fine motor skills and how to mix colors to create the colors they need to duplicate.

It was a great day for our Hebrew Academy kindergarten children as they commemorated all that they have learned in kindergarten as they move up to the first grade. We are very proud of all the students' accomplishments and we look forward to watching them grow and blossom in their future educational endeavors.

## Students Visit Discovery Science Center

In a time when school field trips are going by the wayside along with art and music programs, Hebrew Academy fourth graders were able to enhance their science studies with a visit to the Discovery Science Center. The students were thrilled with the many innovative ways science facts are brought to life in an environment that captures the students' imaginations. Below are some of the experiences by the students in their own words.

- We went to the most awesome museum ever, known as the Discovery Science Center. One of the best things on the first floor was the earthquake machine. By the way, we gave this machine the "Nobel Prize" for the best thing in the DSC. The tornado machine made an actual tornado, but don't worry, it did not tear up the place. Another



awesome thing was the bed of nails. Don't worry, the nails don't hurt. We loved the "Gross-ology" exhibit. It was gross, but awesome. One of the best things to do in the exhibit was to shoot the "booger gun". You shoot green balls into giant nostrils. We learned about the digestive system in the "Gross-ology" stomach slide. You slide on a slide into a stomach, just like food does. There is a spiky wall, where you push your body onto the moveable spikes, which created a picture on the opposite side. There was also a ball that flies in the air that you control by

jets of air. And of course, we all really liked the rock-climbing wall!

- Part of the second floor was all about the science behind the sport of hockey. Some of the things that were there were a real zamboni machine, a broadcast booth for sportscasters, and two games that allow you to shoot goals like a real player, and block shots like a real goalie. There was a hurricane machine and a virtual volleyball game.
- At the end of our DSC visit, we played "Dino Jeopardy". We competed against two other schools. Mendy Kievan represented us. There were three rounds. The first two rounds were simple, but the last round was hard, you only had 10 seconds to answer. In the end, we won. Our score was 1,300 points. Hooray for Mendy.